

Briscoe's Purchase
CH-699
Wicomico
Private

C. 1835; 1900

Briscoe's Purchase is a two-part frame dwelling standing on a 257 acre parcel near the St. Mary's County line. The earliest portion of the dwelling, believed to be constructed around 1835, is 1 1/2 stories in height, three bays in width. Attached to the opposite gable end is two story, two bay frame addition, likely dating from the turn of the 20th century. One of the building's most distinctive feature is the pair of chimneys with pent on east wall. A row of huge mulberry trees define the yard.

Briscoe's Purchase is significant as one of a dwindling number of 1 ½ story early 19th century dwellings to survive in Charles County. In 1835, the property of William Turner, lying in both St. Mary's and Charles County was divided between his daughters Eliza Ann Turner and Eleanor Jane Posey. Harrison Posey and his wife Eleanor Jane, likely seated the property shortly afterwards. The farm remained in the Posey family until the early 20th century.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-699

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Briscoe's Purchase
other John Posey Farm (after 1905)

2. Location

street and number 11100 Kingston Place not for publication
city, town Budds Creek vicinity
county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James Judson Long, Jr.
street and number 11100 Kingston Place telephone Unlisted
city, town Charlotte Hall state MD zip code 20622-3752

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 75 p. 15
city, town LaPlata liber 1455 folio 82

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	2 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Briscoe's Purchase is a two-part frame dwelling standing on a 257 acre parcel near the St. Mary's County line. The earliest portion of the dwelling, believed to be constructed around 1835, is 1 1/2 stories in height, three bays in width and includes two large exterior chimneys on one of the gable ends. Attached to the opposite gable end is two story, two bay frame addition, likely dating from the turn of the 20th century. One of the building's most distinctive feature is the pair of chimneys on east wall. A row of huge mulberry trees define the yard. Nearby is a corncrib dating from the turn of the 20th century.

Some time in the 20th century the entire structure was reclad. Asphalt shingles were put on the roof and a shed roof porch was extended the entire length of the façade. Also a shed roof dormer was cut from the original roofline and now holds a row of three windows. The chimney is laid with 1:7 American bond. Each chimney stack has a single stepped shoulder on the exterior end. Between the stacks is a frame pent doorway.

The interior was not available for study at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c. 1800

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c. 1800

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Briscoe's Purchase is significant as one of a dwindling number of 1 1/2 story early 19th century dwellings to survive in Charles County. In 1835, the property of William Turner, lying in both St. Mary's and Charles County was divided between Eliza Ann Turner and Eleanor Jane Posey, probably Turner's daughters. Formerly, the farm belonged to Samuel Briscoe. By 1816 Briscoe had died and this property was sold by a decree to William Jones. Jones abruptly sold part of the property to William Turner who soon acquired the remaining acreage from Edmund Key, who was assigned the settlement of the Briscoe estate. The Turner family owned land in the vicinity of Budds Creek adjoining the Briscoe farm.

Harrison Posey and his wife Eleanor Jane, likely seated the property shortly afterwards constructing a 1 1/2 story frame, double pile structure heated with two massive exterior chimneys with a pent between. The farm remained in the Posey family throughout the 19th century. It was inherited by Harrison Posey's three children John W. Posey, Emily Estelle Posey and Julia E.B. Posey. Emily and Julia sold their interests to J. Margaret Posey, the wife of John Posey in 1892. By 1905 both John and J. Margaret Posey had died and Addie Burroughs became the heir at law. Addie resided there until at least 1915 after which time the property was sold a number of times before entering into the Long family's possession in the 1940's.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 of 257

Acreage of historical setting 258

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 75, Parcel 15.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept.

date 8/13/01

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state MD zip code 20622

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Chain of title:

March 23, 1990	Alice G. Long to James Judson Long, Jr. 1/3 interest 2 nd "John Posey Farm." 256 acres 526:072
February 23, 1977	James Judson Long, Sr. estate divided: 2/3 to James Judson Long Jr., 1/3 to Alice G. Long, widow. 507:64
February 2, 1965	Mary E. Long, widow to Judson and Alice G. Long 173:389
April 17, 1944	Raphael H. and Rose A. Martin to Samuel C. and Mary Effie Long. 80:30
September 16, 1941	Benjamin P. Simpson, heirs to Raphael H. and Rose A. Martin. First mention of "John Posey Farm" 75:55
September 19, 1919	Walter A. Gebhart and wife of Baltimore City to Benjamin P. Simpson. Lying near the village of Wicomico, "Part of Briscoe's Purchase." 35:305
June 12, 1915	William B. and Annie L. Burroughs to Walter A. Gebhart Part of Briscoe's Purchase 258 acres, where Addie Burroughs now resides. 28:414
November 8, 1905	John W. Posey to Addie Burroughs, sole heir at law of J. Margaret Posey 16:549
June 13, 1892	Harrison Posey heirs to 2/3 interest to J. Margaret Posey JST 5:54
May 30, 1835	Division of property lying in both Charles and St. Mary's County between heirs. Harrison Posey acquires land in Charles County which was deeded by appointment of the Chandler of Maryland by Edward Key, Esq to William Turner in 1816 IB 11 317. Harrison Posey married Eleanor Jane Turner. JB 21:499

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Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

27°30'

42°58'

42°57'

5660 IV NW
(POPE'S CREEK)

42°55'

42°54'

42°53'

5.5 MI. TO U.S. 301
NEWPORT 2 MI.

Wicomico

Dyson Bridge

Trinity
Ch.

BM
1637

232

BM
153

1370

Church

CH- 699 Charles County, MD

Name: BRISCOE'S PURCHASE

Location: BUDDS CREEK

Quad: CHARLOTTE HALL

Substation

Ryceville

Creek
CHARLES CO.
ST. MARYS CO.



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HARRISON ROSEY HOUSE

CHARLES CO, MD

C. CURREY

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CHARLES CO, MD
C. CURREY

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CHARLES W. MD
C. CURREY

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